

# The False Acquisition of Satanism By Anton LaVey

Source of my criticism: <https://ia802809.us.archive.org/23/items/the-satanic-bible/the-satanic-bible.pdf>

The Satanism of Anton LaVey is concerned only with materialism and Ayn Rand-esqe philosophy. It is incorrectly thought to be Nietzschean or Darwinian it is in face neither. And I will use sources throughout this work to totally disprove LaVey. And the fact that Anton LaVey is himself not a Satanist and never was. This article will be controversial. And no one will ever want to read it. So I suggest now for your own sake you close this tab and go to a website more fitting for you such as Reddit. Where those who do not know instruct those who do not do.

From the introduction in the laughably titled mediocre work *The Satanic Bible* by Anton Lavey we see that he identifies Satanism primarily as based on the pleasure principle. That whatever nets you more or the most "pleasures of the flesh" primarily through sex-pleasure is morally justified or correct. He wanted to form a Satanic temple primarily to acquire sex pleasure or to let others obtain sexual pleasure. While this is neither good nor evil -- except in the moralizing Nazarene sense -- this is not especially Satanic in and of itself. You could in essence form a brothel and achieve the same aims. Why does it need to be labelled Satanism?

Continuing on here LaVey did not believe in any type or sort of Magick, the metaphysical or the occult. He was a materialistic atheist who openly admitted all his rituals were quackery done to entertain his followers and the media. So he was entirely a fraudulent individual and a charlatan who somehow or another quite to controversy attracted a mass following of people motivated or stimulated by sex desire and perhaps some by an interest in the occult. However, they were not given genuine instruction in the occult or anything else of that nature because by virtue of Anton LaVey not believing in the paranormal, occult, etc. he could not offer it. How could he? He openly admits he is a fraud!

If you are aware of anything then let me say that Anton LaVey's interest in the Church of Satan was strictly from that of a monetary and artistic viewpoint. Again another case of the Magian Shylock in action[1]. And I quote here: *And then LaVey shared some surprising news with the agents: His role as the head of the church was all a charade. Most of the church's followers, he said, were "fanatics, cultists, and weirdos," the records show. "[H]is interest in the Church of Satan is strictly from a monetary point of view," the agents noted, "and spends most of his time furnishing interviews, writing material, and lately has become interested in photography."*

There is also evidenced much if not all of Anton LaVey's lifestory was an exaggeration to attract followers or inspire mystique or a following. This is noted by journalist Lawrence Wright and later confirmed by his own estranged daughter[2][3]. The prologue of the Satanic Bible is mostly a paraphrase or interpretation of Ayn Rand's philosophy. They may be original however but the influence is clear.

Much of the first part of the work ie *The Book of Satan* is merely a plagiarized version of *Might is Right* edited to be politically corrected in a sense. Or to at least remove any racial and anti-Jewish portions. As well as a focus on indulgence, lust, and so on. Primarily there is no quest for self-excellence, self-knowledge or Faustian forbidden knowledge. It is primarily espoused that Satanism while opposing law and order (something LaVey himself did not live by) and rejecting all other religions and constructs by human beings as flawed is primarily about satisfying the sexual and pleasurable desires in whatever manner you desire. Insofar as it does not harm other individuals. Attempting to rectify the amorality there were added 9 Satanic Sins. Resulting in a fairly confusing and not rationally based but morally based philosophy. Anything that causes harm or hurt to other individuals or society is seen as wrong. Which is a contradiction to rejecting morality, religion, laws and order. So it is a pseudo-moral code to follow. Based on primarily getting as much money, sex and other resources as you want but at the expense of others but without using any sort of violence to do so except in self-defense and of course must be done legally. This really reminds one of the ethos of the Babylonian Talmud.

Here for the most part whilst not complete I outline why I reject LaVeyian Satanism as a form. While there is some genuinely good material in the Satanic Book such statements as "human sacrifice is incompatible with Satanism" shows that it is mostly a pseudo-Satanic text. With some genuine understanding of Satanism but mostly should be seen as an introductory text to not be taken seriously. And as a way of life it seems rather clique and juvenile. LaVey himself says -- correctly here -- most of his followers were weird anti-social loser nobodies who cannot be taken seriously. They were just there to satisfy his own individual personal needs and desires. So if there was any real Satanist in the Church of Satan ever then it must be seen as Anton LaVey himself. Whilst obviously a charlatan and sly type of person I genuinely admire such a clever scheme. And correctly such peripheral individuals were used as they should be used. Couldn't have happened to a sweeter bunch given how most of them are. However, it did lead to the creation of a stock of weaklings that perhaps LaVey himself would have seen as pathetic or as a good way to make a quick buck off of. Again not incorrectly because such individuals are pathetic losers. If they were real Satanists they wouldn't feel the need to join groups such as CoS but would start their own for the same purposes. Get bored with it and move on in life.

However there is no real suprapersonal noble, honorable or beautiful goal in CoS Satanism. It is lacking in the numinous and also lacking in the Sinister. So for this reason you must naturally consider it pseudo-Satanism and consider LaVey himself a charlatan. As he was not a magus or adept in the occult sense. Perhaps on some level an External Adept but not on the level of the Internal Adept, Master and Grandmaster.

There was no genuine real world evil, no concept of Aeonics or suprapersonal goals, no genuine guidance of students, it was run for profit -- verifiable, no emphasis on individual self-development, etc. It only got big due to attracting controversy and the counterculture of the 60s -- which was primarily a Magian psy-op to begin with.

References:

[1]

*And then LaVey shared some surprising news with the agents: His role as the head of the church was all a charade. Most of the church's followers, he said, were "fanatics, cultists, and weirdos," the records show. "[H]is interest in the Church of Satan is strictly from a monetary point of view," the agents noted, "and spends most of his time furnishing interviews, writing material, and lately has become interested in photography."*

<https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2020/01/12/fbi-satan-mobplot-kill-ted-kennedy-097180>

[2]

There is for example zero evidence LaVey ever worked as a pianist or was in a circus as a boy.

Wright, Lawrence – "It's Not Easy Being Evil in a World That's Gone to Hell", Rolling Stone, September 5, 1991: 63–68, 105–16.

[3]

Schreck, Zeena and Nikolas. "[Anton LaVey: Legend and Reality](#)". *churchofsatan.org*. Retrieved August 8, 2021

Alun Bearach

Falcifer-Luciferi 13, Temple of the Black Jihad nexion